

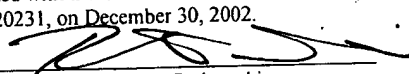


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gary J. BRIDGER, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/535,314

Filing Date: 24 March 2000

For: CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR BINDING
HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS

Examiner:

Venkataraman Balasubramanian (Bala)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 30 July 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 30 October 2002. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 30 December 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Only claims 1-2, 7, 102, 119-120 and 132 were rejected over the art; the remaining claims were rejected only on formal grounds based on criticism of claim wording. Applicants appreciate the consideration of the Examiner in providing an additional non-final Office action to allow applicants to respond by amendment to the claims. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments.